GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2862
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2003
MARKET INTERVENTION SCHEME FOR POTATO AND ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has forwarded a proposal regarding MarketIntervention Scheme for Potato and Onion during 1996-97 to the Union Government for release of money;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government had pointed out in his letter dated January 20, 2002that onions and potatoes procured by NAFED and State Government agencies during 1996-97 and 1997-98 are under examination in the Ministry of Finance;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has again requested to the Union Government onMarch 6, 2002 to reimburse 50% of the loss under the said scheme at the earliest but the Union Government has not so far released the money;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(e) by when the money is likely to be released to the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government of Karnataka was informed vide this Ministry's letter dated 30thJanuary, 2003, that accounts were under examination of the Ministry of Finance.

(c): The Government of Karnataka has requested vide their letter dated 6th March, 2003 toreimburse 50% Central share of the loss. The Central share of admissible loss amounting to Rs.41,654.00 for the year 1996-97 and Rs.40,36,105.00 for the year 1997-98 have been released to the Government of Karnataka.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.